

## THE ROYAL VISIT

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Sovereign of the British Commonwealth of Nations, in less than a year after her coronation in Westminster Abbey visited her overseas dominions. She disembarked in Australia on 3rd February 1954 near the spot on Port Jackson, one of the best harbours in the world, where the first Australian settlement was made by white people 166 years ago. This Queen is the first British reigning monarch to visit our continent.

During her progress in Australia Her Majesty has seen much of Nature's great gifts bestowed on our land and Her Majesty has received a great welcome alike from people of splendid city buildings, from humble suburban and country homes, and in the wide open spaces in the country. Everywhere was manifested a spontaneous expression of loyalty, admiration, and affection, not only by virtue of her sovereign office but also because of her personal attributes. In processions there was an absence of pomp: history does not record an equal or a more sincere ovation to a monarch.

His Highness The Duke of Edinburgh received a most cordial welcome.

Our Queen, Australian people greet.

All hail! Your Gracious Majesty.

When Sovereign and her people meet

Her mien evokes their loyalty.

Fervently we offer up a prayer of intercession,  
"Long live the Queen! God save our Queen!"

